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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED OCTOBER 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED NOVEMBER 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,973.0	1,765.9	207.1	10.5	1,994.6	1,790.1	204.5	10.3	1,980.7	1,714.6	266.1	13.4
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	62.6	57.0	5.6	8.9	62.9	57.7	5.2	8.4	61.1	54.7	6.4	10.4
Baton Rouge 2/	269.6	245.7	23.9	8.9	270.9	247.4	23.5	8.7	263.7	235.7	28.0	10.6
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.5	63.6	8.9	12.3	73.2	64.3	8.9	12.1	76.6	62.0	14.6	19.1
Lafayette 4/	101.9	91.3	10.6	10.4	103.3	92.5	10.8	10.4	106.2	89.7	16.5	15.5
Lake Charles 5/	77.5	68.2	9.3	12.1	78.3	69.0	9.3	11.9	74.4	63.8	10.6	14.3
Monroe 6/	71.5	64.9	6.6	9.2	71.5	65.3	6.2	8.7	70.5	63.0	7.5	10.6
New Orleans 7/	606.6	550.6	56.0	9.2	609.6	553.2	56.4	9.2	604.4	537.5	66.9	11.1
Shreveport 8/	167.6	150.6	17.0	10.1	167.9	151.5	16.4	9.7	168.9	147.6	21.3	12.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,511,200 for November, an increase of 600 from October's level but 2,900 lower than November a year ago. The nondurable goods segment of manufacturing accounted for most of the increase. Higher employment in the trade sector contributed to the increase in nonmanufacturing.

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During November, total employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing increased by 100 workers. Lumber and wood products employment was lower due to less business for sawmills and planing mills and in the wood buildings and mobile homes industry. Transportation equipment employment was higher due to more activity at the state's shipyards.

Total nondurable goods employment for November, at 95,300, was up by 400 over the October revised level, but a drop of 300 from November a year ago. A seasonal increase in food and kindred products payrolls, due to increased sugarcane processing, primarily accounted for the upward turn in nondurable goods employment.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,339,100, was 100 above last month's level of 1,339,000 but 7,700 workers below the comparable period a year ago. Mining employment held steady for November. A decrease in heavy construction activity was most significant in the drop in construction payrolls. Less business at the state's ports contributed to the decrease in transportation and public utilities employment. Trade employment moved up due to increased hiring at department stores and specialty shops for the holiday season. Less business for insurance companies contributed to the decrease in the finance, insurance and real estate segment of nonmanufacturing. Growth in hotels and other lodging places employment was responsible in large part for the increase in services payrolls. Government employment was higher as a result of increases in state and local government.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 126,200 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $455.15 in October to $447.10 in November, a decrease of $8.05. Average hourly earnings, at $10.62, was $0.14 below last month's level but six cents above November of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.1 during November, a decrease of 0.2 hours from the October revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for November amounted to 207,100, an increase of 2,600 from the October revised level of 204,500. The unemployment rate for November was 10.5 percent, compared to 10.3 percent in October and 13.4 percent for November a year ago. The national unemployment rate for November was 5.6 percent, compared to 6.6 percent a year ago. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,994,600 in October to 1,973,000 in November, a decrease of 21,600. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,790,100 in October to 1,765,900 in November, a decrease of 24,200.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should be lower in December. Retail trade employment should continue to rise due to holiday shopping. Construction may fall due to adverse weather conditions.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change from Oct. 1987	Net Change from Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,511.2	1,510.6	1,514.1	+ 0.6	- 2.9
MINING	60.4	60.4	58.7	0	+ 1.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	57.6	57.6	55.8	0	+ 1.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	85.4	86.4	87.6	- 1.0	- 2.2
MANUFACTURING	172.1	171.6	167.3	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Durable Goods	76.8	76.7	71.7	+ 0.1	+ 5.1
Lumber and Wood Products	11.8	12.0	12.3	- 0.2	- 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	- 0.8	0.9	0.8	- 0.1	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.9	6.0	5.9	- 0.1	0
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	12.8	12.7	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.3	9.3	8.5	0	+ 0.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.3	7.3	7.7	0	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	23.6	23.2	19.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	95.3	94.9	95.6	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	22.5	22.2	23.3	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.5	8.4	7.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	12.0	12.0	12.1	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.7	9.9	0	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.3	25.3	25.6	0	- 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.7	12.8	12.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.6	4.5	4.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.1	107.6	105.9	- 0.5	+ 1.2
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.5	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.1	60.8	58.8	- 0.7	+ 1.3
Water Transportation	24.1	24.7	23.3	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.6	41.4	41.6	+ 0.2	0
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.4	18.3	18.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.2	23.1	22.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	361.7	360.7	368.0	+ 1.0	- 6.3
Wholesale Trade	80.0	79.8	82.5	+ 0.2	- 2.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.9	43.7	45.9	+ 0.2	- 2.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.1	36.1	36.6	0	- 0.5
Retail Trade	281.7	280.9	285.5	+ 0.8	- 3.8
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	60.4	59.4	60.9	+ 1.0	- 0.5
Food Stores	57.1	57.1	56.9	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.5	30.1	30.5	- 0.6	- 1.0
Eating & Drinking Places	81.9	82.0	84.6	- 0.1	- 2.7
Other Retail Trade	52.8	52.3	52.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change from Oct. 1987	Net Change from Nov. 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.1	83.5	85.1	- 0.4	- 2.0
Banking	25.3	25.4	26.3	- 0.1	- 1.0
SERVICES	323.0	322.6	318.2	+ 0.4	+ 4.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.0	24.5	23.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Personal Services	14.7	14.7	14.6	0	+ 0.1
Business Services	55.5	55.8	54.7	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.6	9.7	0	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.0	7.0	6.8	0	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.8	10.1	9.4	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Health Services	98.6	98.8	96.6	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Legal Services	15.2	15.2	14.5	0	+ 0.7
Educational Services	20.7	20.4	21.6	+ 0.3	- 0.9
Social Services	18.9	18.6	18.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.5	25.5	25.8	0	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	16.6	16.6	16.1	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	318.4	317.8	323.3	+ 0.6	- 4.9
Federal	35.7	35.6	35.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	282.7	282.2	287.5	+ 0.5	- 4.8
State	102.9	102.6	103.4	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Local	179.8	179.6	184.1	+ 0.2	- 4.3

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$447.10	$455.15	$448.80	42.1	42.3	42.5	$10.62	$10.76	$10.56
Durable Goods	403.76	409.08	392.50	41.2	41.7	40.8	9.80	9.81	9.62
Lumber & Wood Products	346.83	362.61	332.69	42.4	43.9	41.9	8.18	8.26	7.94
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	367.43	385.14	357.01	40.2	42.0	39.8	9.14	9.17	8.97
Fabricated Metal Products	437.30	441.15	391.86	45.6	45.2	42.0	9.59	9.76	9.33
Machinery, ex. Electrical	397.72	411.17	393.79	41.3	43.1	39.3	9.63	9.54	10.02
Electric & Electronic Equip.	471.86	460.54	493.70	37.9	37.2	40.6	12.45	12.38	12.16
Transportation Equipment	427.28	427.00	426.54	39.6	39.5	40.7	10.79	10.81	10.48
Nondurable Goods	486.76	496.78	495.63	43.0	42.9	43.9	11.32	11.58	11.29
Food & Kindred Products	337.05	335.40	325.57	45.0	43.0	43.7	7.49	7.80	7.45
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	200.83	202.99	207.24	38.4	37.8	39.4	5.23	5.37	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	565.39	596.30	586.95	41.0	44.6	43.0	13.79	13.37	13.65
Printing & Publishing	383.67	388.83	394.06	39.8	39.0	38.9	9.64	9.97	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	695.81	706.95	710.92	45.3	45.0	47.3	15.36	15.71	15.03
Petroleum & Coal Products	642.93	654.60	692.99	43.5	44.5	47.4	14.78	14.71	14.62
Petroleum Refining	649.26	667.37	707.55	43.4	44.7	48.1	14.96	14.93	14.71
MINING	552.25	550.35	538.47	47.0	47.2	46.3	11.75	11.66	11.63
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	535.92	529.14	520.49	40.6	40.3	40.6	13.20	13.13	12.82
BANKING	260.84	259.67	269.49	38.7	38.3	39.0	6.74	6.78	6.91

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 126,200 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,100 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 11 87				REVISED 10 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,550	20,300	3,250	13.8	24,375	20,925	3,450	14.2
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,950	8,725	1,225	12.2	10,075	8,900	1,175	11.6
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,150	4,750	1,400	22.8	6,375	5,050	1,325	20.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,325	13,800	2,525	15.5	17,125	14,625	2,500	14.6
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,600	13,975	1,625	10.4	15,650	13,975	1,675	10.7
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,575	5,900	675	10.4	6,725	6,075	650	9.8
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,475	3,900	575	12.9	4,625	4,075	550	12.0
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,550	4,100	450	10.1	5,025	4,575	450	9.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,500	3,700	800	17.7	4,800	4,100	700	14.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,850	7,075	775	10.0	7,975	7,225	750	9.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,050	8,800	1,250	12.4	10,475	9,325	1,150	11.0
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,975	11,625	1,350	10.3	13,400	12,075	1,325	9.9
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,200	3,600	600	14.1	4,475	3,975	500	11.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,900	8,000	900	10.2	9,150	8,225	925	10.0
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,775	12,075	1,700	12.4	14,250	12,500	1,750	12.3
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,475	7,250	1,225	14.5	8,925	7,850	1,075	12.0
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,925	6,125	800	11.6	7,025	6,300	725	10.3
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,550	22,525	4,025	15.1	27,575	23,325	4,250	15.4
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,900	10,075	1,825	15.4	12,150	10,325	1,825	15.1
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,650	7,025	625	8.1	7,675	7,100	575	7.4
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,400	11,550	1,850	13.8	14,125	12,150	1,975	14.0
JENA (LASALLE)	6,825	6,150	675	9.8	6,875	6,250	625	9.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,550	17,575	975	5.3	18,750	17,875	875	4.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,100	5,125	975	15.9	6,325	5,400	925	14.6
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,400	10,750	1,650	13.4	12,650	11,200	1,450	11.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,175	15,600	1,575	9.1	17,600	16,125	1,475	8.4
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,500	8,350	1,150	12.1	9,650	8,550	1,100	11.4
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,900	6,675	1,225	15.6	8,100	6,875	1,225	15.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,525	4,050	475	10.5	4,675	4,200	475	10.2
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,025	7,775	1,250	13.9	9,250	8,150	1,100	11.9
MANY (SABINE)	10,100	9,225	875	8.7	10,175	9,350	825	8.1
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,875	2,550	325	11.7	3,025	2,700	325	10.9
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,475	7,175	1,300	15.3	8,750	7,425	1,325	15.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,075	28,775	5,300	15.6	34,800	29,525	5,275	15.2
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,700	20,425	4,275	17.3	25,150	20,800	4,350	17.3
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	40,275	35,225	5,050	12.5	41,150	36,225	4,925	12.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,500	3,075	425	12.1	3,675	3,375	300	8.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,625	7,650	975	11.4	8,775	7,850	925	10.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	20,850	17,575	3,275	15.7	21,300	18,100	3,200	15.0
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	20,200	18,475	1,725	8.6	20,375	18,675	1,700	8.4
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,875	16,775	2,100	11.1	19,250	17,150	2,100	10.9
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,150	16,750	2,400	12.5	19,250	16,950	2,300	12.0
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,925	4,000	925	18.8	5,225	4,350	875	16.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,375	4,025	350	7.9	4,425	4,100	325	7.5
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,875	5,375	500	8.5	5,825	5,325	500	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.2	46.1	45.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.6	2.5	- 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	10.9	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.7	8.8	+ 0.1	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.0	2.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.3	11.3	11.0	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.8	12.9	+ 0.1	0
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.1	10.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
State	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
Local	5.3	5.2	5.3	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 46,200 for the month of November. This was 100 more than October and 400 more than November of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,300 during November. This estimate was unchanged since October and is the same as last November.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,900 during November. This estimate was 100 more than the previous month and 400 more than November of last year. Since last month, there was an estimated increase in retail trade and government, with a decline occurring in construction. Compared to last November, employment has increased in retail trade, services and federal government, with a decline occurring in state government.

Seasonal changes anticipated over the next thirty days include increased employment in retail trade and outdoor related employment being hampered by inclement weather. The number of unemployed is expected to increase with the total number of employed showing little change.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	215.8	215.9	214.4	- 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	19.3	19.2	19.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	4.3	4.2	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.7	0	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.0	15.0	15.0	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	20.9	20.6	20.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.0	53.2	52.5	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.2	11.1	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.5	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.9	3.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	41.9	42.0	41.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.1	13.3	13.6	- 0.2	- 0.5
Banking	3.8	3.8	4.1	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	42.4	42.5	41.1	- 0.1	+ 1.3
GOVERNMENT	55.8	55.8	56.6	0	- 0.8
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	53.6	53.6	54.4	0	- 0.8
State	32.3	32.4	33.1	- 0.1	- 0.8
Local	21.3	21.2	21.3	+ 0.1	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$525.53	$531.85	$515.39	42.9	43.1	42.7	$12.25	$12.34	$12.07
Petro-Chemicals	698.07	718.06	722.24	45.3	46.0	48.8	15.41	15.61	14.80

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 215,800 during November was down 100 from the revised estimate for October and up 1,400 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,300, was up 100 during the current period and 300 over the year ago estimate. Durable goods were up due to more business in iron and steel foundries and in secondary smelting and refining of nonferrous metals. Nondurable goods showed no change.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 200 during November. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors - nonresidential buildings and in electrical contractors. Wholesale and retail trade were down due to less business in groceries and related products and in grocery stores. Finance, insurance and real estate were down due to declines in fire, marine and casualty insurance, and in insurance agents, brokers, and services. Services were down due to less business in legal services. State government showed a small decline while local government showed a small increase.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,900 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $525.53, down $6.32 from the revised October average. Average weekly hours, at 42.9, were down 0.2 hours; average hourly earnings, at $12.25, were down nine cents per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment for the Baton Rouge LMA's residents, at 245,700 during November, was down 1,300 from the revised October estimate. Unemployment, at 23,900, was up 400 during the current period. The unemployment rate for November was 8.9 percent, compared to 8.7 percent for October and 10.6 percent for November a year ago. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force was 269,600 during the current period.

Employment levels in retail trade are expected to show some increase during the coming month while the unemployment rate should show little change.

The Baton Rouge Job Service served 4,860 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 688 applicants in jobs during November.

The consumer price index for October, 1987 for all urban consumers was 345.3 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 340.0 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.7	52.7	53.1	0	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.6	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
MINING	6.0	6.0	6.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	5.9	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	4.0	3.9	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.6	13.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	10.9	11.0	10.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.3	3.1	- 0.2	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.3	8.3	7.9	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	10.9	0	- 0.3
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.2	10.4	0	- 0.2
State	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
Local	6.9	6.9	7.3	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in November remained at the same level of 52,700 as in October. Gains in transportation and public utilities offset scattered decreases elsewhere.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500 in November, down 100 over the previous month. Durable goods showed no change. The nondurable goods segment was down 100 over the previous month due to a decrease in seafood processing. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 600.

Transportation exhibited a small increase, with a sizable portion of it in water transportation. Retail trade was lowered by a seasonal downturn in employment in eating and drinking places. Mining held steady as the oil and gas industry pushed to take advantage of the remaining good weather before winter. Construction showed no change. Government displayed no significant change in any sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained on the same level. Services showed no change.

Estimated unemployment in November remained at the same level of 8,900 as in October. A decrease in the labor force due to seasonal factors helped bring a higher percentage of unemployment. Unemployment presently comprises 12.3 percent of the labor force compared to 12.1 percent in October and 19.1 percent in November of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 1,342.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Retail trade will probably move up in December as shopping for the holiday season nears its peak, and then adjust downward in January. Mining and construction will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably change little.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.9	58.9	56.9	0	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	10.9	11.0	8.6	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	0.6	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	0.4	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Nondurable Goods	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.7	4.9	5.1	- 0.2	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.7	3.6	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	14.0	14.2	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	11.1	11.4	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.8	10.7	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.6	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.0	9.9	9.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Local	6.3	6.2	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,900. This estimate was unchanged from the previous month, but is 2,000 above November 1986.

Construction fell by 200 since last month and is 400 below the November 1986 estimate. The services sector showed an increase of 100, due to seasonal factors, and has increased by 200 since last year. Government rose by 100 for the current month, primarily in the local government sector. Other sectors showed little or no change over the previous month.

Over the next thirty days, employment should increase and the unemployment rate should remain the same.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	83.8	83.7	85.2	+ 0.1	- 1.4
MANUFACTURING	6.0	5.9	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	11.0	11.1	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.1	3.5	+ 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.3	6.4	6.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.1	21.9	22.9	+ 0.2	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	5.1	5.0	5.1	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.0	2.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.0	16.9	17.8	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.8	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	9.7	9.7	10.3	0	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.0	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.2	18.4	17.8	- 0.2	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	13.0	13.0	13.6	0	- 0.6
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.2	12.2	12.7	0	- 0.5
State	5.3	5.4	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Local	6.9	6.8	7.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette labor market area was estimated at 83,800, an increase of 100 from the previous month, but 1,400 below November of last year.

Manufacturing increased by 100 in the food and kindred products sector due to normal seasonal fluctuations.

Construction showed an increase of 200 for November, but is still 200 below last year's estimate. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 200 for November due to seasonal hiring. Services decreased by 200 from the previous month due to seasonal changes, but is still 400 above November 1986 figure. The remaining segments of the economy showed little or no change from the previous month.

The unemployment rate in the Lafayette LMA will remain about the same for the next month, but will probably increase after the first of the year due to bad weather and the end of the holiday season.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.9	55.4	55.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	7.4	7.2	7.5	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.0	4.9	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.5	3.6	+ 0.1	0
MINING	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.7	2.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.1	14.7	15.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	11.3	10.9	11.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.1	2.9	3.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.1	0	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.7	11.6	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	11.1	11.0	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
State	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Local	6.0	5.9	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 500 during mid-November to an estimated 55,900. This was a gain of 800 from the same period a year ago.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,400, was 200 above the October estimate. Minimal gains were experienced by durable goods and nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing was up 300 over the month. Wholesale and retail trade increased by 400 workers as retail establishments prepared for the holiday season. Government rose by 100 as additional youths were placed in special work projects in local educational institutions. The only loss, 200, was in construction reflecting the completion of projects in anticipation of adverse winter weather conditions. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

Employment is expected to rise slightly over the holiday season. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.9	511.3	517.1	+ 0.6	- 5.2
MANUFACTURING	42.2	42.1	44.4	+ 0.1	- 2.2
Durable Goods	20.6	20.5	21.5	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.6	0	- 0.3
Machinery	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	12.1	12.0	12.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.3	8.2	8.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.6	21.6	22.9	0	- 1.3
Food & Kindred Products	6.6	6.6	7.2	0	- 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.7	3.7	4.0	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	16.0	16.3	16.2	- 0.3	- 0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.0	15.3	15.3	- 0.3	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	23.2	23.4	24.3	- 0.2	- 1.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.0	43.2	42.2	- 0.2	+ 0.8
Railroad Transportation	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	12.0	12.2	11.2	- 0.2	+ 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.5	133.5	136.7	+ 1.0	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade	31.4	31.4	32.4	0	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.1	18.0	18.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.3	13.4	13.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	103.1	102.1	104.3	+ 1.0	- 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.5	33.6	33.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	134.9	135.0	133.9	- 0.1	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	84.6	84.2	85.6	+ 0.4	- 1.0
Federal	15.8	15.6	15.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
State and Local	68.8	68.6	70.1	+ 0.2	- 1.3
State	18.9	18.7	20.4	+ 0.2	- 1.5
Local	49.9	49.9	49.7	0	+ 0.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$427.22	$430.36	$436.95	41.0	40.6	41.3	$10.42	$10.60	$10.58
Durable Goods	382.57	386.31	391.05	39.4	39.5	39.7	9.71	9.78	9.85
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	312.84	303.04	317.05	33.0	32.0	31.8	9.48	9.47	9.97
Fabricated Metal Products	398.67	418.71	468.00	41.1	43.3	41.6	9.70	9.67	11.25
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	359.29	365.16	379.89	38.8	38.6	40.5	9.26	9.46	9.38
Nondurable Goods	470.05	472.58	478.24	42.5	41.6	42.7	11.06	11.36	11.20
Food & Kindred Products	357.75	336.96	338.00	40.7	39.0	40.0	8.79	8.64	8.45
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	154.80	149.82	183.04	31.4	30.7	33.1	4.93	4.88	5.53
Paper & Allied Products	434.02	409.50	387.00	45.4	45.0	43.0	9.56	9.10	9.00
Printing & Publishing	350.69	359.70	374.74	42.1	40.1	40.6	8.33	8.97	9.23
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	731.73	744.56	721.05	46.4	45.4	47.5	15.77	16.40	15.18

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in November increased to 511,900, a level 600 above October. Gains in retail trade and government offset decreases elsewhere. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 5,200 workers, with decreases in all divisions except services and transportation and public utilities.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,200 in November, up 100 from the previous month. Durable goods showed an increase of 100 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing was responsible for the increase. All other industries in manufacturing remained steady.

Retail trade showed seasonal increases mainly in eating and drinking establishments, food stores, and apparel stores. Wholesale trade remained steady. Government was boosted by hires in the federal and state segments. Less favorably, mining showed a seasonal decrease. Construction made normal downward adjustments. Water transportation reflected a normal downward fluctuation in local port activity. Employment by insurance carriers sustained a mild downward trend. Services were lowered by minor decreases in miscellaneous services and private educational services.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $427.22 per week in November, down $3.14 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were up 50 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings went down $0.18 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $9.73 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in November decreased to 56,000, a level 400 below October. A decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.2 percent of the labor force compared to 9.2 percent in October and 11.1 percent in November of last year. The November rate was lower than the state rate of 10.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 10,268.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall increase. Wholesale and retail trade will increase for the holiday season and then adjust downward in January. Amusement services will benefit from the opening of the racing season and interest in other sports and cultural activities. Unemployment will probably show a small decrease as employment increases.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.9	131.6	134.0	+ 0.3	- 2.1
MANUFACTURING	18.1	18.1	18.5	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	13.0	12.9	13.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.6	7.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.6	1.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.0	6.0	6.2	0	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.1	5.2	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.7	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	7.9	8.0	7.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	7.9	8.4	0	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.3	30.1	31.5	+ 0.2	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.2	7.8	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	23.0	22.9	23.7	+ 0.1	- 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.4	7.4	7.7	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	31.8	31.7	32.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.3	25.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.4	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	20.7	20.6	20.7	+ 0.1	0
State	6.4	6.4	6.2	0	+ 0.2
Local	14.3	14.2	14.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$443.10	$451.04	$478.58	38.8	40.2	41.4	$11.42	$11.22	$11.56
Lumber and Wood Products	216.13	286.60	203.61	33.2	39.1	33.0	6.51	7.33	6.17
Metals and Machinery	457.02	468.71	566.19	39.5	40.9	46.6	11.57	11.46	12.15
Food and Kindred Products	316.71	307.31	312.77	40.5	38.9	41.1	7.82	7.90	7.61
Printing and Publishing	328.26	339.23	300.63	34.7	35.3	32.5	9.46	9.61	9.25
Petroleum and Coal Products	570.18	554.48	546.54	44.2	46.4	42.4	12.90	11.95	12.89

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport area was estimated at 131,900 for November, an increase of 300 from October and a loss of 2,100 from November of last year.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,100, remained unchanged from the October total, but falls 400 below the November 1986 total. Employment gains in primary and fabricated metals during the past month were offset by job losses in food and kindred products.

Increased employment in the nonmanufacturing segment occurred in trade, services, and government. Wholesale and retail trade employment, estimated at 30,300, moved up from 30,100 in October, while services indicated a slight increase from 31,700 in October to 31,800 in November. Employment in local government increased from 14,200 to 14,300.

An estimated 13,500 production workers in the Shreveport labor area had average weekly earnings of $443.10, down from $451.04 in October and $478.58 in November 1986. Average weekly hours dropped to 38.8 hours, a decrease from both the October average of 40.2 and the November 1986 average of 41.4. The average hourly earnings of $11.42 were up from $11.22 in October, but had declined from the year ago average of $11.56.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport labor area includes 150,600 employed and 17,000 unemployed. The unemployment rate for November increased to 10.1 percent, up from 9.7 percent in October. The unemployment total for one year ago was 21,300 and the unemployment rate was 12.6 percent.

The December employment estimates will likely show a smaller seasonal increase in trade, while construction employment will reflect the repair of storm damage in this area. Total unemployment is expected to show a slight increase.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1987

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	2,097	1,756	341	31	28	3	29	22	7
Contractural Construction (15-17)	10,583	7,709	2,874	302	248	54	1,797	1,395	402
Manufacturing (20-29)	4,361	2,399	1,962	77	50	27	236	133	103
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	2,414	1,450	964	68	46	22	258	158	100
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,481	1,084	397	58	38	20	176	122	54
Retail Trade (52-59)	7,349	4,472	2,877	222	148	74	765	409	356
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,595	1,243	352	34	30	4	230	175	55
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	9,527	5,426	4,101	235	141	94	987	559	428
Public Administration (91-97)	1,305	629	98	50	26	24	164	73	91
All Others	221	123	676	-	-	-	58	26	32
Totals	40,933	26,291	14,642	1,077	755	322	4,700	3,072	1,628
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	5,554	4,467	1,087	130	115	15	657	490	167
Clerical and Sales	9,683	7,020	2,663	270	198	72	1,165	824	341
Services Occupations	4,757	1,516	3,241	161	60	101	463	129	334
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	552	201	351	11	8	3	18	15	3
Processing Occupations	743	389	354	4	2	2	78	40	38
Machine Trades	1,941	1,426	515	68	57	11	192	151	41
Benchwork Occupations	960	450	510	16	14	2	48	37	11
Structural Work Occupations	10,657	7,467	3,190	284	226	58	1,629	1,142	487
Miscellaneous Occupations	6,086	3,355	2,731	133	75	58	450	244	206
Totals	40,933	26,291	14,642	1,077	755	322	4,700	3,072	1,628

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1987

Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	212	179	33	346	301	45	47	41	6
Contractural Construction (15-17)	340	302	38	267	188	79	791	662	129
Manufacturing (20-29)	234	176	58	170	109	61	174	93	81
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	132	115	17	84	64	20	179	83	96
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	68	53	15	110	87	23	64	58	6
Retail Trade (52-59)	272	211	61	372	265	107	304	207	97
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	59	52	7	96	79	17	46	39	7
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	278	207	71	424	296	128	363	226	137
Public Administration (91-97)	40	26	14	48	31	17	28	21	7
All Others	9	5	4	12	9	3	1	1	-
Totals	1,644	1,326	318	1,929	1,429	500	1,997	1,431	566
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	235	211	24	346	316	30	214	177	37
Clerical and Sales	302	259	43	611	499	112	372	302	70
Services Occupations	162	82	80	230	104	126	159	53	106
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	14	8	6	8	5	3	51	7	44
Processing Occupations	57	30	27	38	22	16	56	36	20
Machine Trades	76	71	5	88	72	16	72	61	11
Benchwork Occupations	15	11	4	36	16	20	27	20	7
Structural Work Occupations	498	419	79	273	192	81	710	604	106
Miscellaneous Occupations	285	235	50	299	203	96	336	171	165
Totals	1,644	1,326	318	1,929	1,429	500	1,997	1,431	566

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1987

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	25	20	5	240	169	71	127	108	19
Contractural Construction (15-17)	386	326	60	2,385	1,517	868	548	352	196
Manufacturing (20-29)	76	53	23	1,122	607	515	574	274	300
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	46	28	18	974	482	492	173	110	63
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	26	25	1	431	287	144	192	136	56
Retail Trade (52-59)	357	229	128	2,314	1,229	1,085	850	452	398
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	48	34	14	646	460	186	171	135	36
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	247	139	108	3,724	1,909	1,815	784	407	377
Public Administration (91-97)	26	14	12	358	125	233	111	44	67
All Others	2	2	-	78	40	38	7	3	4
Totals	1,239	870	369	12,272	6,825	5,447	3,537	2,021	1,516
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	197	164	33	2,075	1,566	509	452	391	61
Clerical and Sales	369	278	91	3,302	2,105	1,197	974	686	288
Services Occupations	143	42	101	1,733	428	1,305	486	95	391
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	8	3	5	86	33	53	37	12	25
Processing Occupations	10	6	4	180	85	95	39	20	19
Machine Trades	54	36	18	541	381	160	254	130	124
Benchwork Occupations	18	12	6	300	84	216	139	61	78
Structural Work Occupations	282	240	42	2,373	1,434	939	637	389	248
Miscellaneous Occupations	158	89	69	1,682	709	973	519	237	282
Totals	1,239	870	369	12,272	6,825	5,447	3,537	2,021	1,516

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